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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - 1979

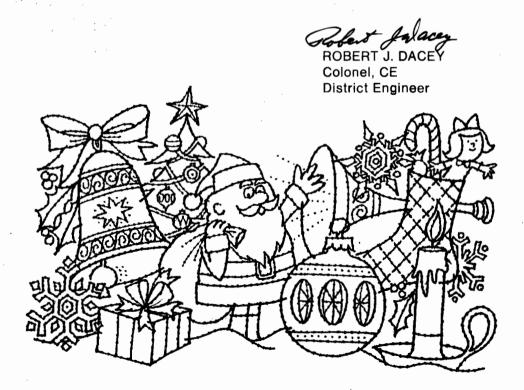
As the holiday season is upon us, and the start of a new decade is before us, I would like to extend to you all our warmest wishes for happiness and success and our sincerest thanks for making us so very welcome in the District family.

In the past year we have had our triumphs and turmoils. To observe how each of you through a high degree of integrity and professionalism have dedicated yourselves to serving the nation and its people has provided me with a deep feeling of admiration and affection for the folks here in St. Louis.

You have, time and time again, demonstrated your concern and willingness to give freely of your skills and talents to make life mean more to each and every citizen.

The new era of the 80's offers to us a continuing challenge to maintain that inspired stewardship.

To all of you and your families, from all of us, Rosalyn, John, Martha, and myself, may you enjoy the blessings of a joyous holiday and continued prosperity and good health this coming year.



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Secretary of the Army Jr.

We wish you and your loved ones a doyous holiday season, and a new year

General E. C. Marker Chief of States Army

I would like to express my appreciation to District employees who contributed to the 1979 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), Your gifts reflect a true spirit of giving and of recognition of the needs of our fellow man, as well as a wealth of generosity on your part.

To each of you who participated in this very important local community effort, I extend heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

ROBERT J. DACEY Colonel, CE District Engineer



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

21 November 1979

DAEN-RMI

To Corps Employees in Districts Recently Studied,

This concerns the district realignment studies recently completed and the subsequent decisions I announced on 14 November 1979.

First, I wish to express my appreciation to all of you who participated or provided input during the study process. I know this has been a difficult experience for many employees whose future job status was possibly in question. It is also an experience I hope can be avoided for the next several years.

· As I explained at the start of the studies, they were necessary to keep pace with the shifting and changing nature of our workload. To continue to compete for Federal manpower resources, we must demonstrate efficient and effective use of our present resources. The studies have assured me and others that our field organization is basically sound. The manning levels are lean. The studies also showed that even small districts can provide responsible, quality service if properly supported by sister Corps organizations. While certain district closures can generate additional manpower, it would be extremely disruptive compared to the potential savings.

The Corps still has an imbalance between its workforce and workload and must adapt to deal with this imbalance. I feel selected boundary and functional realignments, such as those I recently approved, provide a less disruptive means of improving our capability and will meet organizational needs of the affected districts for the foreseeable future.

I have asked those division engineers who are implementing realignment actions to accommodate, to the extent feasible, the employment desires of affected personnel. It is for this reason full implementation is being spread over the remainder of this fiscal year. Again I thank each one of you for your perseverance, patience and trust over the period of our internal examination.

Lieutenant General, USA

Chief of Engineers

#### **DISTRICT DOINGS**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, around the District Office, the decorations of the season are going up, and the shoppers with bundles gaily wrapped are seen along the streets. At the lakes an air of quiet calm descends and a dusting of light snow makes the beauty of the woods and waters like a Currier and Ives print. The time of year when small children are filled with wonder at that famous old gent with the whiskers, and good cheer and smiles are the rule of the day. With the coming of the holidays the talks and tours pace slows, but does not disappear.

Over at Lake Shelbyville, Roger Gephart and Maria DiBiaso spoke to 26 students at the Pana Christian Academy. Maria and Don Brown talked about Wildlife Management to 41 youngsters from the Gays, Illinois Junior High. Winston Campbell conducted two special classes on Recreation Careers for students of Eastern Illinois University. Jerry Parker held a special tour for the 11 member Hammond Family.

At Carlyle Lake the migrating flocks of ducks have attracted the usual attention from the waterfowl hunters, and, along with that interest, Steve Metzgar has had a couple of talks taking the 20 Girl Scouts from Carlyle Troop 413 on a hike around the lake, and speaking to 45 from the Odin Grade School. Ken Gregory told the 25 Boy Scouts from St. Jacob, Illinois, about the Conservation Award program.

At Rend Lake Hugh Dougher talked about the Conservation Award to another group of Boy Scouts and to the local Key Club, a high school club sponsored by the Kiwanis for good citizenship.

At Clarence Cannon, Greg Miller, Clark Dietzschold and Anne Behrens talked to 35 from Mexico, Missouri High School about the Wildlife Program. Greg and Steve Austin conducted 10 students from Clayton High School about the lake lands.

With Lock and Dam #26 much in the news thanks to the start signaled by opening the bids on the first stage cofferdam, a potential \$41 million dollar contract, Bill Sutton, Ken Koller and Jim Fogilphol put in a number of special sessions. Bill talked to the Grain Elevator and Processing Society and the Jennings Kiwanis. Bill, along with Jim, conducted Major Sapp and Paul Barber of the Corps' Kansas City District on a dam tour. Ken Koller, meanwhile was describing the project for a meeting of the Women in Construction group over in Belleville. Then Bill Sutton, Paul Kornberger and Jim Fogilphol gave a tour and briefing for Martin Fitzpatrick, Legislative Assistant to Senator Jepsen of Iowa.



Al Baiter and John Metz at Locks #27 conducted some sixty 6th graders from the Russell School in Florissant around the busy lock area.

The District Office was the scene for some very special events. Two outstanding awards were earned by our District folks. Tony Dorshorst was named as the Outstanding Civil Engineering Technician of the Year at ceremonies in Columbia, Missouri. Jack Niemi went along to receive the award given to the District for the observance of the event.

Leon Leach was named to receive the 1979 Personnel Award by the Missouri Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Truly impressive achievements by both of these fine people.

Major Mike Ruiz was the featured speaker for the Veteran's Day observance sponsored by the Amvin Granite City.

Colonel Dacey keynoted the Federal Women's Program session held out at UMSL.

A couple of special touring groups saw our District office operations during the month. Fifteen officers journeyed from Fort Leonard Wood to observe the work. Hosts for the event were Colonel Dacey, LTC. Wilkes, Jack Niemi, Dan Flippen, Jim Petersen, Paul Olson, and Bob Alder, and Major Ruiz guided the group over to Locks #27. Another group of freshmen from St. Louis Community College, 40 strong, saw the drafting and design work thanks to hosts from the District staff. Major Ruiz, Carroll Blackwell, Bill Cauble and Joe Bisher attended an Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs Minority Business Seminar.

Now for the culmination of a fine year . . . with our folks giving hundreds of talks and tours, making new friends for the Corps and providing educational and informative programs for thousands may we take this opportunity to thank you, one and all for the extra effort and the fine presentations. The "Engineer Family" is at its best when we meet the peop Thanks . . .

#### SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARD:

George O. Lutz, RO-F
John W. Hickam. OD-RJ
Loren E. Christofferson, ED-DS
Donald D. Huston, OD-NC
Edward Franz, RQ-C
Cindy C. Prater, OD-NL
Ernest E. Graf, ED-SC
William F. Meldrum, ED-SC
JoAnn Moritz, SD-P
Jerry D. Hawkins, ED-Fi

#### SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARD/ OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING

Thomas J. Furdek, ED-HQ Alvera M. Sykes, ED-DA R. Chuck Franco, ED-BN Barbara A. Boswell, PB-R John H. Rath, ED-D Virginia M. McClintle, OD-RS Martin D. Timmerwilke, OD-RJ Gustay Y. Graf, ED-DB

#### SPECIAL ACT/SUPERIOR:

Karl J. Tilkens, OD-RR

#### OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING:

Rose M. Staton, SD-C Kenneth R. Koller, ED-Z Robert P. Derrick, ED-FI Leonard L. Alfeld, PB

#### PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION LETTERS:

William Genova, ED Nelson Maxwell, RO-C Virgil Sanders, ED-DM

#### PROMOTIONS:

Joseph P. Hartman, ED-DA, Structural Engineer, GS 0810-12

James J. Smith, ED-DA, Structural Engineer, GS 0810-12

Lowell F. Summers, OD-RR, Park Ranger, GS 0025-09

Rose E. Scaturro, AS-W,
Clerk Dictating Machine Transcriber,
GS 0316-04

Diane G. Mason, ED-W.
Clerk Dictating Machine Transcriber,
GS 0316-04

Walter R. Fredley, RO-C, Construction Rep., GS 0809-09

Edward A. Ewing, ED-BU, Natural Resource Planner, GS 0401-12

Congratulations to all award recipients in the last Awards Ceremony, 29 November 1979. HAPPY HOL-IDAYS.



## **OVERSEAS VACANCY LIST**

RQN NO.	POSITION, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION	DUTY STATION
	ALASKA	•
126-79 140-79 143-79 27-80	Architect, GS-808-12, Engrg Div Elec Engr, GS-850-12, Engrg Div Mech Engr, GS-830-12, Const/Ops Div, S&I Br Appraiser, GS-1171-12, Real Estate Div	Anchorage Anchorage Anchorage Anchorage
	GERMANY A	
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	EGYPT	
MEDCD-P-79-36 MEDCD-P-79-37	Mech Engr, GS-830-12, Resident Ofc Elec Engr, GS-850-12, Resident Ofc	Cairo Cairo
	PUERTO RICO	
	Civ Engr, GS-810-11, EPA Program	San Juan
	JAPAN	
JPN-80-18-2B JPN-80-18-3B JPN-80-18-4B JPN-80-18-5B	Civ Engr, GS-810-11, Engrg Div, Facilities Support Br Elec Engr, GS-850-11, Facilities Support Br, Engrg Div Mech Engr, GS-830-11, Engrg Div Structural Engr, GS-810-11, Facilities Support Br, Engrg Div	Camp Zama Camp Zama Camp Zama Camp Zama
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	SAUDI ARABIA	
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VACANCIES SUBJECT TO DAILY CHANGE

## RECOGNITION FOR THE NEED AND VALUE OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

- 1. A military tribute to General of the Army Omar N. Bradley has been approved. This tribute, a national day of recognition, will be highlighted by the presentation of the department of defense distinguished service medal to GA Bradley during the half-time ceremony of the nationally televised Sun Bowl Football Game on 22 Dec 79.
- 2. This tribute provides the Army with an opportunity to initiate a program to increase public awareness of the need and value of service to our country. I envision all components of the Army actively participating in such a program which will begin on the first of December. Army personnel military and civilian; active, reserve and retired are encouraged to seek forums where they can express the need and value of service to our country to the American public. Materials supporting local programs will soon be available through public affairs channels.
- 3. By stressing that America's future is today's challenge and that serving the country is both an honor and a citizen's responsibility, the need to man our armed forces may be brought to the forefront throughout the country. It is equally important that our soldiers and citizens alike understand their contribution and are imbued with the selfless nature of military service.
- 4. I encourage your support for this program.

Signed Edward C. Meyer, General, Chief of Staff.

## SUPPORT FOR THE TOTAL ARMY

Many of us have young men and women in our families who are reaching the time of high school graduation and are seeking opportunities to continue their education in higher level colleges and universities or in advanced technical fields. Many do not realize the life experiences now being offered by the U.S. Army.

In the next few months we will be planning on presenting some informative paragraphs talking about programs such as VEAP, ASVAB, ROTC, West Point, and delayed entry programs which provide for young men and women soldiers to not only continue their education but to accumulate as much as \$8,100 toward advanced educational opportunities, and also to continue their education by beginning college programs during off-duty times. Today's Army offers hundreds of skilled training programs available for these motivated young people.

The programs of the Army, the Army Reserve, and the National Guard offer a unique opportunity to build confidence and maturity that will be so necessary in the world of tomorrow.

#### LTC WILKES WINS EEO AWARD

LTC John S. Wilkes III has been presented two significant EEO awards: The EEO Certificate of Achievement and EEO Certificate of Appreciation.

Colonel Wilkes' certificate cites his dedication and leadership in the development and implementation of a highly effective EEO plan. Also noted is his deep involvement in working with the local community and the numerous meetings and relationships he has achieved with various civic leaders. In addition, he has made an important contribution in minority contracting, and participated in the Federal Women's and Hispanic Program activities.

Congratulations Colonel Wilkes!

### **OLD NEWSBOYS — NEW RECORD!**

**CHRISTMAS** 

Results are what counts, and results are what we got!

The Old Newsboys, braving the blustery cold for the event, chalked up a new all-time high of \$370. Led by Colonel Dacey, the newsies of LTC Wilkes, Roger Cuddeback, Bill Cauble, Ulas Wilson, Mel Doernhoefer, and our queen, Terri Stark, rang the old Fort Gage bell to boost the booty for children's charities.

Thanks to all of you District donors who dug down deep to make 1980 a better year for a lot of kids.

## SEASONAL SAFETY — A WINTER'S TALE

Snow, sleet, ice, slush and low temperatures mean extra consideration for safety. Driving is additionally strained. National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service has put out a long list of tips to lessen winter woes.

- 1. Winterize your car check the vitals: hoses, heater, exhaust system, brakes and wipers. Add a "car kit" with simple tools and items at least a scraper, flashlight, pliers, screwdriver, wrench, jack-knife, and first aid items. Also, possibly chain, flares, fire extinguisher, booster cables, blanket, paper towels, etc.
- 2. Winterize yourself dress for the weather. The layered look is in. Mittens, layers of loose fitting garments, water repellent, hooded outerwear, scarfs and ski masks to cover exposed skin areas warding off frostbite and chills. Be especially cautious about shoveling snow or other physical exertion.
- 3. Winterize your driving less light, lower visibility, dampening of sounds is disorienting. You lose your "feel of the road." Ice, snow, sleet, slush compound the problems. Best advice don't drive in a storm. If you must drive use extreme caution. Let someone know where you are going. If stopped stay with your car. Run heater periodically. Be sure to open downwind side window. Keep tailpipe clear. Don't panic.

See it safely through the season.

Christmas is not a season
But a state of mind;
Of tiptoe expectations;
Of humdrum things made bright
With sugarplums;
Of air all soft and sweet
With pine and candle glow;
Of sweet young Mother and a Holy Babe;
Of faith and inspiration;
Of ordinary people, you and I,
Stretching beyond our daily seflish ways
In love and charity.

By Marion L. Peterson

Christmas makes us add a touch of color to our everyday rooms and everyday life, and puts a bright wreath or at least a green sprig on our front door as if we would say to all the world that there live in this house warm people who delight in beauty and believe in joy, and want to share a little of it with you — you would be welcome if you should come in.

James Dillet Freeman

### **CHRISTMAS-TIED**

The paper starts to slip and tear, The ribbon won't behave. The Scotch tape ends up in my hair, I start to rant and rave.

Wrapping presents is an art — and one I cannot master.

Remember it's the thought that counts, And forgive this present disaster.

Anon.



## SPOTLIGHT ON THE LIBRARY

Pick a subject, any subject - and we can find something written about it. From dissertations to restaurant ratings, from child abuse to fluid engineering, from textiles to aluminum we have it all. We now have access to Lockheed Information System's DIALOG, an information vendor that sells time on over 100 different subject data bases as varied as those just mentioned.



Do you have a special subject in mind? We can search just about any work-related topic you desire. Just provide us with a description of the topic as well as any pertinent key words or terms. With you, the user, present when we perform the search we can increase our "hit rate," or our chances of finding some valuable piece of information tucked away in the data base. Such well-known printed indexes as NTIS's Government Reports Announcements, Chemical Abstracts, Dissertations Abstracts, Biological Abstracts, Pollution Abstracts, Psychological, Sociological, and Historical Abstracts are all on-line with this system. Most data bases can be searched back to 1970, however, some go back as far as 1964 on-line. Once the search is complete, we would provide you with printed abstracts of articles found that are pertinent to your needs.

Watch for announcements on demonstrations in the library as well as our traveling exhibit. This is an important new service in our library and we want you to be aware of what it can do for you!

#### RECYCLING OF PAPER

For the past few years, the St. Louis District has participated with other occupants of 210 N. 12th Street in recycling waste paper. We mention this to inform all employees of that fact and, hopefully, reduce the number of suggestions recommending that we recycle paper. We also recycle silver from the film processing in AS-R.



## Hydar's Happenings

If it weren't that a church organ had to be repaired we might not be singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" today. It was Christmas Eve, in the year 1818, a young parish priest, Father Josef Mohr, in a little Austrian village of Oberndorf, which is 12 miles north of Salzburg, was preparing his usual Midnight Mass. Huddled near a small fire he wrote three six line stanzas of a verse. Franz Xavier Gruber, the village school master at Armsdorf, located three miles from Oberndorf, usually played the church organ during services. Upon Gruber's arrival, Father Mohr handed him his verse and asked him to put the words to music for that night's Mass.

The church organ wasn't working, legend has it that a hungry church mouse had knawed holes in the organ's billows. However, Gruber quickly composed a melody for Mohr's words and that Christmas Eve, during the Midnight Mass, Silent Night, Holy Night, was sung for the first time. This song is now heard all over the world. Unlike most songs, which have to be sung in a certain key, this song can be sung in any key, as a solo, or by a group, can be sung off key or on key, it still sounds beautiful. It was sung by the young priest, a tenor, singing melody and the church organist, a bass, singing harmony. The church choir joined in and sang the last four bars while Father Mohr played his guitar.

An organ builder from Tyrol arrived in Oberndorf that following spring to repair the organ. Gruber, testing the organ, played their Christmas song. The organ builder liked the song so well, asked for a copy, took it home and taught it to a well known singing group. During a royal court concert in Leipzig before King Frederick Wilhelm IV of Saxony, they sang this song. King Wilhelm ordered this song to be sung every year by the Cathedral Choir.

Silent Night, Holy Night was soon translated into all the languages of Europe before it crossed the ocean to become an American favorite as well.

#### **ANSWERS TO QUIZZES:**

The name of the unsinkable ship and also the ship that carried the most valuable cargo is the Ark that Noah built. It carried the most valuable cargo known to mankind because on board the Ark were a pair of every living land creature that existed on the earth. It had to be unsinkable because if it had sunk this earth would probably be void of any living land creatures, and it was built according to specifications directed by The Creator. The Ark, was used only once, had one purpose, to carry safely these living creatures. A "replica" of Noah's Ark can be seen in St. Charles near I-70.

#### NAME OF SONG:

The sketch showed a head, shoulder, two arms and feet. The body is missing. The title of the song is "I Aint Got Nobody," a song popular in the 20's, made famous by Paul (The Jazz King) Whiteman and Ted (Is Everybody Happy) Lewis and their orchestras.

Redecorating your office? Tired of looking at uninteresting walls? Framed photographs are available from AS-RA upon receipt of a work order (DA Form 3903-R) in duplicate. Proof books and slide files are available for your inspection in Room B-14.

S.L.E.D Toastmasters are proud to announce that Lynne Puetz of CD-I placed 2nd in the Area 8 Toastmasters Humurous Speech Contest held October 24 at the Anheuser-Busch Hospitality Room. Lynne has been a club member for less than 1 year and this was her first competition. The other contestants represented Ralston Purina, Southwestern Bell Telephone, a group of downtown businesspersons, and the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center.

## 1980 SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Office of Personnel Management has issued Announcement No. 414, Summer Jobs, for 1980.

Applications to take the written test for Clerical positions under Group I received by December 14, 1979 will be scheduled for testing during the month of January 1980. Applications received after December 14 and postmarked no later than January 11, 1980 will be scheduled for testing the month of February 1980. Applications postmarked after January 11, 1980 will not be accepted.

Filing dates and forms needed for all other groups of summer positions are listed in the announcement.

A supply of the announcements have been received and are available in the Personnel Office, PB-R, Room 951, Ext. 5839/5840.



## SOME ENGINEERING TERMS DEFINED

**Diversification:** An attempt to profit by betting on every horse in the race.

**Project Manager:** The conductor of an orchestra in which every musician is in a different union.

**Critical Path Method:** A management technique for losing your shirt under perfect control.

**Delayed Payment:** A tourniquet applied to the pockets.

**Specialization:** Betting everything on the wrong horse.

Contractor: A gambler who never gets to shuffle, cut, or deal.

**Bid Opening:** A poker game in which the losing hand wins.

**Bid:** A wild guess carried out to two decimal points.

**Low Bidder:** A contractor who is wondering what he left out.

**Engineer's Estimate:** The cost of construction in Heaven.

Courtesy of the Seattle District and the Ohio Home Builders Association



# NOVEMBER 1979

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS NOVEMBER 1979: None

Total vehicle accidents for 1979: 9

Total vehicle experience for CY 1978: 8

PERSONAL INJURIES - CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES - NOVEMBER 1979: None

Total Accidents for 1979: 2

Total experience for CY 1978: One Fatality

PERSONAL INJURIES -- GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES -- NOVEMBER 1979: None

Total accidents for CY 1979: 5

Total experience for CY 1978: 3

LAKE FATALITIES FOR NOVEMBER 1979: None

Total lake fatalities for CY 1979: 7

Carlyle Lake — 2 Lake Shelbyville — 4 Lock and Dam 25 — 1

Total lake fatalities for CY 1978: 6

Carlyle Lake — 1 Rend Lake — 2 Lake Shelbyville — 3

## FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

MELVIN R. DOERNHOEFER
Acting Public Affairs Officer

## **UNOFFICIAL**

## **RIDE WANTED**

CREVE COEUR AREA. Time flexible — 7:00-8:00 a.m. — 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. Evening ride especially needed. Call Kim Pearce, 263-6619 (DCASR).

## **FOR SALE**

2 snow tires w/wheels, size B-78-13 (For Pinto or Mustang). LIKE NEW. \$65.00. Tony Giardina, Room 856, Ext. 5752.